

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office action dated November 30, 2005, where the Examiner has rejected claims 1 – 19 and allowed claims 20 – 21. In the present amendment, no claims have been amended or cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1 – 21 remain in the present application with claims 1, 5, 9, 15, 18, and 20 being the independent claims. Reconsideration and allowance of outstanding claims 1 – 19 in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 20 and 21. Applicant requests a notice of allowance for at least claims 20 and 21.

Rejection of claims under 35 USC §103(a)

In the Office Action claims 1 – 19 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2005/0079863 ("Macaluso") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0229644 ("Heie").

A. The Macaluso Reference is Not Prior Art

As set forth in Applicant's previous reply, the Macaluso reference is not prior art. The filing date for Macaluso is **October 8, 2003** while the filing date of the present application is **September 18, 2003**. Accordingly, Macaluso does not qualify as prior art and the combination of Macaluso and Heie is improper. Applicant therefore respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

B. Heie Fails to Teach the Claimed Invention

Heie does not fairly teach the claimed invention. Heie is directed toward a method for changing phone number information in an electronic phone book maintained on an electronic device. The disclosure in Heie teaches how the entries in an electronic phonebook may be updated, en masse, when an area code is changed by the phone company. For example, the method taught by Heie could be used to update an

electronic phone book on an electronic device so that all phone numbers with the (619) area code and the 555 prefix are modified to have a new area code of (760). (see Heie, paragraph 20).

What Heie fails to teach is that the area code of the electronic device itself can be changed, as required by the claimed invention. There is a significant difference between a portion of a unique identifier for wireless communication device itself and the entries in an electronic phonebook stored on the wireless communication device. As explained in paragraph 35 of the present application, the area code and telephone number combination uniquely identifies the wireless communication device on a wireless communication network.

In summary, Heie merely teaches a method for updating phone numbers in an electronic phonebook of a wireless communication device. Heie does not teach updating any information relating to the wireless communication device itself. In contrast, the claimed invention requires that the unique identifier of the wireless communication device itself be updated.

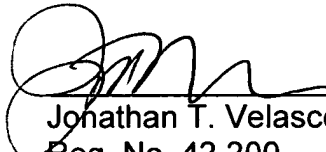
Accordingly, because Macaluso is not prior art and because Heie fails to teach every element of the claimed invention, Applicant asserts that claims 1 – 19 are currently in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons, a notice of allowance directed to claims 1-21 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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